

Draft GTEC Funding Policy

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Purpose of today's discussion

- Review the CTR Board's draft GTEC funding policy
- Provide direction to staff on specific policy questions
- Discuss GTEC funding allocation timeline

Draft GTEC Funding Policy (Intent)

- Declaration that the state of Washington should provide the financial resources necessary to ensure the success of every local GTEC program
- Recognition that providing a base level of support for GTECs is important and necessary
- Recognition of funding constraint and the need to prioritize those GTECs with the greatest potential benefits

Draft GTEC Funding Policy (1)

- Set aside a portion of GTEC funds for WSDOT to provide a minimum level of support to every certified GTEC
 - Data collection and evaluation
 - Communications and marketing templates
 - Recognition program
 - Best practices and other technical assistance
 - WSDOT's rough estimate to provide this assistance:
\$400k out of the total \$2.4 million allocation for 2007-2009

Draft GTEC Funding Policy (2)

- Fund the needs of all certified GTECs to the greatest extent possible, recognizing that limited resources will be prioritized
- Allocate based on two considerations:
 - Identified needs (varying by GTEC)
 - Rating of GTECs based on prioritization criteria
- No minimum or maximum amount

Draft GTEC Funding Policy (2)

- Final allocations may be different than the level requested by individual GTECs, in order to maximize the number of funded GTECs
- Local match (1 to 1) requirement
 - CTR base funding is not a valid source of local match
 - To be eligible for local match, investments must be new, reprogrammed, or reprioritized made in support of the GTEC program

Draft GTEC Funding Policy (2)

- Rating criteria:
 - Size of the GTEC target population
 - Potential reduction in drive-alone rate
 - Potential reduction in vehicle miles traveled
 - Level of certainty of local match
 - Ratio of local match beyond 50 percent
 - Current and projected level of system delay in and near the GTEC
 - Level of integration into the jurisdiction's transportation, land use and economic development plans, policies and regulations, including proposed changes in parking policies
 - Likelihood of program success

Draft GTEC Funding Policy (3)

- Increase awareness of funding and partnership opportunities
- Work with WSDOT, TIB and others to ensure that GTECs are prioritized by state investments
- Raise awareness for local governments, RTPOs and transit agencies of obligations under law to prioritize certified GTECs in their respective investment plans

Questions

- Any changes to the current draft?
- Does the CTR Board want to add more funding stipulations?
 - Minimum geographic diversity of funded GTECs (outside the central Puget Sound vs. inside, at least one from each applying part of the state, etc.)?

Questions

- What should the weight of each criteria be?

<u>criteria</u>	<u>weight</u>
Market size	x2
drive-alone	x4
VMT	x2
security of match	x2
match ratio	x2
delay	x2
integration	x4
predictability	x3

Questions

- What process does the CTR Board want to use to determine the allocation?
 - Work on it during a CTR Board meeting?
 - Form a funding allocation committee?
 - Follow a process similar to TRPP (bring in others to help rate the proposals)?
 - Ask WSDOT staff?

GTEC funding allocation timeline

- Assumptions
 - Determine the final GTEC funding allocation as early as possible in 2008 so implementation can begin in the spring
 - Provide a draft GTEC funding allocation as early as possible after receiving the GTEC applications so jurisdictions have time to confirm local budgets, secure local match, and designate GTECs
 - Individual allocation amount may fluctuate between draft and final allocations, based on local ability to confirm/provide necessary level of match, feedback from the CTR board, etc.

GTEC funding allocation timeline

- October 2007
 - Determine draft GTEC funding allocation and distribute information to GTEC applicants
 - Jurisdictions must “designate” the GTEC (via official resolution or ordinance) within 120 days of notice of state GTEC funding allocation in order to receive the allocation – distribution of draft allocation notice starts the clock
- November 2007 – February 2008
 - Ensure that GTECs are designated on time and that local match is secure and make adjustments to draft funding allocation as needed
- March 2008
 - Adopt final GTEC funding allocation and begin process to distribute funds to selected GTECs